

WESTHAMPNETT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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To the Rural District Council of Westhampnett.

Gentlemen.

I am happy to say, that during the past year, I have found it possible to carry out some Sanitary Arrangements with far less friction than formerly.

And considerable fresh work has been accomplished. Especially I may mention the alterations which have been made, on my suggestion, in the dairies. And I look forward to being able to do considerably more in the coming year.

It is of little use to send out a number of new rules for dairies, but I should like four rules distributed in the district - I consider them practicable and unlikely to lead to friction of any sort.

Firstly, I should say "Keep every part of the buildings as clean as possible."

Secondly, "Lime-wash Cow-sheds once every three months"

Thirdly, "Place no manure against the buildings but in the centre of the yard, to be removed once a week."

Fourthly, "For efficient removal of droppings & soiled straw, have a large stable barrow on four legs with one wheel, to be removed to a Muck in a neighbouring field daily."

During the year I discovered two men with
poisoned fingers from milking cows -
If these men had not come to me for treatment,
I am afraid bad results would have occurred.
I have therefore drafted these four rules which
I hope will meet with the approval of the
Council.

There was an Epidemic of Enteric Fever, in
Lavant, which I traced to a dairy, where things
were not so clean as should be, here a new
dairy has been built and alterations have been
carried out in the yard -

One death occurred in this Epidemic of twelve
cases, but I think this was caused by some
unforeseen circumstance which occasioned removal
to the Chichester Infirmary -

This Epidemic is still causing an enquiry as to
the water supply.

In the Parish of Bignor some cases of Scarlet
Fever arose, this was traced to a case in a
neighbouring parish, where a child was attending
school in the peeling stage -

All cases did well in the Westhampnett Isolation
Hospital -

There was one death from Diphtheria & ~~two~~ from
Whooping Cough -

Altogether the number of deaths came to 147 in the
year, and comparing this with last year it is eleven
less - And the death rate comes out 10.5 per thousand -
This is an improvement on last year -
The births were 311, this is less than last year.

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The deaths under one year were 21, and last year there were 25.

The district has been thoroughly inspected from time to time -

I append the work done by the Inspector of nuisances -

I beg to remain

Your Obedient Servant
A. S. Bostock.

